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## BIRTH.

At Shanghai, on the 8th instant, the wife of  
EDWARD STEVENS, of a son.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1895.

## TELEGRAMS.

APPALLING NEWS FROM MANCHURIA.

LONDON, January 15th.  
Chinese arriving from Manchuria bring  
ghastly reports of the state of the country; they  
state that the entire population has perished, and  
groups of frozen corpses are to be seen.  
The exhaustion of the country hinders the  
movements of troops on both sides.  
[This is the sort of rubbish the Hongkong  
Chamber of Commerce (or rather a few high  
principled and unselfish members of that most  
immaculate institution) want, through the aid  
of a Bill obtained by combined ignorance and  
barbaric misrepresentation, to conserve to  
personal interests, mainly at the expense of  
the Hongkong ratepayers. We wonder where  
the Chinese from Manchuria arrived at, and  
also how, if the entire population perished,  
they managed to arrive anywhere.—Ed.  
Hongkong Telegraph.]

## MORE SOCIALISM IN PARIS.

A bomb explosion in the fashionable quarter  
of Paris has caused much damage to property,  
but no one was injured.

## FRENCH POLITICS.

The French Cabinet has resigned owing to a  
defeat in a debate, in connection with the State  
guaranteed railways, initiated by the Socialists.

## THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to the Shanghai Mercury.)

HIROSHIMA, January 3rd.  
Chinese soldiers are still seen at and in the  
vicinity of Nankai and Winkow, and four  
thousand soldiers are stationed at Kaping. The  
report of the fall of these places is expected to  
arrive here shortly.

Colonel Wopack, of the Russian Legion in  
Tokyo, and Lieutenant-Colonel Ikeda, arrived  
at Ujina to-day from the Second Army.  
The provisional forts at the rear of Wei-hai-  
wei, which have been in course of construction  
for some time, are nearly completed, but it is  
stated that the defence is not much stronger  
than that of Port Arthur. At various important  
places along the shore to the east of Wei-hai-  
wei soldiers are encamped.

The work of constructing a railway between  
Phyong-yang and Nam-pho, says a corre-  
spondent who left Tientsin on the 30th ult., is being  
carried on, and the line is expected to be com-  
pleted before the end of this month.

Steam launches and small cargo-boats have  
been caught in the ice on the Tai-dong between  
Phyong-yang and Kilm-jin, and provisions are  
very scarce.

## YOKOHAMA, January 8th.

An official telegram has been received from  
Soul, dated the 7th instant, stating that on that  
day the King of Korea proceeded to the Ancestral  
Temple, and there declared the independence of  
Korea. He was accompanied by all his Ministers  
and high dignitaries, and escorted by his soldiers  
dressed and armed in modern style. Ministers  
Bokoyeok and J-koban were specially guarded  
by Japanese policemen. Order was kept in the  
streets by new Korean police.

An official telegram from Seoul, dated the 8th  
instant, states:—Information has been received  
from Fusan that the inhabitants of Koryu-  
wen have seized and executed three of the principal  
Tonghak leaders. Korean soldiers are pursuing  
the Tonghaks, who, in consequence of the death  
of their leaders, are dispersing in every direction.  
To-day Count Ito made an effective speech in  
the Lower House. He said that matters relating  
to the war and foreign relations were clearly set  
forth in the speech from the Throne and further  
details must be withheld for the present. The  
repeated victories were attributed to the bravery  
and loyalty of the Army and Navy, unanimously  
supported by the nation as represented by the  
House.

Count Ito deeply appreciated the honour of  
being Premier at this very important period of  
the nation's history, and he promised to use  
his utmost endeavour to discharge the duties  
required of him by the Emperor and the people.  
Count Ito also stated that the advanced state of  
the country required various measures, but  
necessary war measures, the ordinary budget,  
and a few urgent matters were only to be  
submitted now. He also stated that after the  
war had terminated the Government would  
submit several useful measures. He closed his  
speech by expressing a desire that the House  
would coincide with the views of the Govern-  
ment and deliberate with the least possible delay.  
The whole House listened with the utmost  
respect and attention. After the speech was  
concluded the House immediately adjourned.

## PEKING, January 4th.

General von Hanneken's project for the  
re-organization of the Army has proved a failure  
owing to the inability of the Treasury to provide  
funds. The command of the troops still remains  
in the hands of the Chinese generals.

## January 8th.

A noted Mohammedan leader has arrived  
from a western province. He wishes to lead an  
army against the Japanese. The Mohammedans,  
he says, swear to be avenged for the death of  
General Tso, who was a Mohammedan.

Liu Ming-chuan, formerly Governor of  
Formosa, has arrived at Tientsin. He is reported  
to be almost blind, but he has been sent for by  
the Throne, to consult with the Tsung-li Yamen  
on matters concerning the war.

Viceroy Liu Kun-yi, late of Nanking, is still  
at Peking. He is busy consulting with the  
Tsung-li Yamen.

## January 9th.

General Wei Yu-kwei, of Phoyang fame, has  
been captured and has arrived here and been  
handed over to the Board of Penitentiaries. An  
edict has been issued in which he has been con-  
demned, having been found guilty of running  
away from the enemy, cowardice, extortion and  
plunder.

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immediately search for them and arrest them,  
which has been granted. The defeat at Port  
Arthur is now recognized by the Emperor and  
frequently referred to by him.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 28th.

The Turkish Government are despatching  
troops to Armenia to reinforce the garrisons  
there.  
The Manager and four Directors of the Com-  
mercial Bank, Newland, have been  
arrested. The principal charge against them  
is that of making a fraudulent statement of  
accounts. The accused have been admitted to  
bail on very heavy security.

Discussions are being held by the Porte  
regarding the best method of carrying out the  
reforms in Armenia demanded by the Powers.  
The Ministers are in favour of merging Er-  
zerum, Van, Bitlis and Mouss into a single  
Vilayet, the Governor of which will be nominated  
by the Sultan and hold office for five years. It  
is proposed that the first Governor of the  
amalgamated districts shall be a Turkish official,  
but afterwards Christian Governors will be  
appointed.

## PARIS, December 28th.

M. Raoul, member of the French Supreme  
Court, is advocating the employment of  
scabbers for transport purposes in the French  
operations in Madagascar, quoting British  
experience of the value of such animals for  
similar work in India.

## ST. PETERSBURG, December 28th.

Eighty petitions have been received by the  
Russian Government for permission to establish  
new journals in various places.

## THE WINGLOK STREET MURDER TRIALS.

## PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Just as we go to press we learn that all the  
leading Chinese merchants of Bonham Strand,  
Praya West, Praya Central, Queen's Road  
Central and Winglok Street have sent in a  
petition to the Government praying for extra  
protection during the approaching Chinese New  
Year festivities, and pointing out that owing to  
three of the men charged with complicity in the  
recent Winglok Street robbery and murders  
having been acquitted by a special jury, it is  
expected the Colony will shortly be flooded with  
dozens of every description.  
The Government has not yet replied to the  
petition, but it is to be hoped that the appeal  
for protection will not be made in vain.

## MILITARY LARRIKINISM.

A case of very objectionable larrikinism has  
been brought to our notice by several respect-  
able Chinese. It is stated that a Chinese  
soldier, who had been discharged from the  
Army, had been found in the act of escaping  
from the barracks, and was being pursued by  
the police.

At about 6.30 p.m. on Sunday evening three  
soldiers—two of them in red uniforms and  
the other wearing a military overcoat—entered  
a Chinese store (the property of the com-  
pradore of the China Sugar Refinery) at No. 3,  
Zwo Street, East Point, and asked for a  
light for their pipes. A coolie, who was in the  
store at the time, at once brought them a light,  
when much to his surprise one of the men drew  
a revolver and pointed it at one of the shop  
assistants who ran into the back part of the  
house, shouting out to his friends to run for  
their lives. This, it is hardly necessary to  
state, they did, some of them running  
into the street shouting "save life!" Their  
cries quickly attracted a crowd to the spot,  
who, as soon as they understood what had  
transpired, proceeded to surround the soldiers,  
and ultimately handed them over to the  
police. This plan of campaign, however,  
failed, as the valiant warriors effected a rapid  
retreat towards Bay View, after using threats in  
case of pursuit and firing several shots in the air.

Up to the present time no arrests have been  
made in connection with this outrage, and  
as considerable difficulty will be experienced  
in identifying the culprits, it is probable they  
will never be brought to justice. It may be that  
the military authorities could run these rowdies  
to earth by making careful inquiries, and it is  
in the hope that an example will be made of them  
that we have exposed at such length what we  
can but term military larrikinism of a disgraceful  
type.

With the wretched destruction of scores of  
places in the colony by means of the  
Brigade, the outrageous conduct of three "red-  
coats" at East Point on Sunday, and the com-  
mitment of one of "Our Very Own" for trial at  
the next Criminal Sessions on an indictment for  
highway robbery near Hungnam a few days  
ago, the time appears to have arrived when the  
military authorities could be justly called to  
a sense of their responsibility towards the  
Hongkong community.

"THE ORIOLES" AT THE  
THEATRE ROYAL.

## KILANYI'S LIVING PICTURES.

The accomplished troupe of variety artists  
brought out to the Far East under the able and  
experienced management of Colonel Charles B.  
Hicks, performed at the Theatre Royal, City  
Hall, last night before a large and enthusiastic  
audience, and we are well within the mark in  
saying that a more enjoyable all round entertain-  
ment has rarely been presented in this colony.  
Doubtless the large attendance last evening  
was to some considerable extent induced by  
the promised novelty which in Paris under  
the title of "Tableaux Vivants" and in London,  
New York and other great cities as "Living  
Pictures" has of late constituted such a great  
sensation and excited so lively a controversy in  
the play-going world, but on its intrinsic merits  
—without the aid of what after all is only an  
artificial reproduction of the most celebrated  
paintings in the world, which are to be seen in  
every notable picture gallery in the great  
European capitals—the entertainment can justly  
claim public support. A brief résumé of the  
programme will give our readers some notion of  
the class of show Colonel Hicks has presented to  
the Hongkong public.

So-called laughable sketches, especially when  
rendered with a Yankee accent that would be  
dangerous at a thousand yards, have never been  
successful in Hongkong, where the "Polished Man"  
is no exception to the rule. Mr. and Mrs. Burt  
and Mr. Mack work very hard and conscientiously,  
but the sketches are hardly laughable enough  
for such an exceedingly discerning, straight-  
laced, and ultra-conscientious abode of the blessed  
as this lovely life has undoubtedly claims to be  
considered. It is hardly necessary to sing the  
praises of the Girls, whose accomplishments  
are beyond words; throughout England and  
the United States. They have to be seen  
to be thoroughly appreciated, and in  
"Après le bal" they are seen to undeniable  
advantage. Miss Maud Dickson is not only a  
soprano of very high class, possessing a sweet  
and delicate voice, but she was like a  
thoroughbred trained wordsmith, and is evidently an  
exquisite actress of considerable experience. Her  
rendering of the "Sweet Song of the East" was  
particularly effective, and she was most  
deservingly applauded in connection with that  
pretty ballad. "Sweet Song of the East" led to  
another happy success. The "Faded Sisters"  
secured a decided success in a general Spanish  
dance, and afterwards in the "Gypsy Song."

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fairly brought down the house. "The Comedy  
Duo" by Frank and Addie Burt is a clever  
operatic travesty, which found great favour with  
the audience, eliciting warm marks of  
approbation.

A novel feature in this entertainment is the  
extraordinary performance of Messrs. Dushway  
and Moulton on the triple bars. Nothing equal  
to these have ever been previously seen in this  
part of the world. They are simply phenomenal.  
Mr. Dushway is by no means a light weight,  
he must scale something over 200 lbs., and  
consequently his wonderful exertions and double  
amersalls are all the more marvellous, whilst  
Mr. Moulton can scarcely have an equal  
anywhere for the ease, grace, and precision with  
which he performs feats that even to the  
experienced gymnast look altogether impossible.

There is little to be critically said about the  
"Lying Pictures." A lot of rubbish has been  
talked and written, and an amount of ridiculous  
perceptions of the truth, circulated by many-  
body purists who understand nothing whatever  
about high art, and whose purulent imaginations  
run unlicensed riot without the slightest  
cause. In Kilany's grouping of some of  
the best known classical pictures, as presented  
by Colonel Hicks' company, there is  
absolutely nothing to bring a blush to the most  
defective cheek. It is a refined and instructive  
performance, elaborately and skilfully carried  
out in all its details, and has only to be  
witnessed to be appreciated and admired.

The musical arrangements are in the hands  
of Mr. W. Robinson, an accomplished musician  
who contributes in an inconsiderable degree to  
the success of a first-class and highly enjoyable  
entertainment.

The Company will appear again this evening,  
commencing at 8 o'clock, when the entire new  
programme, skilfully arranged, will no doubt  
attract a crowded house.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de*  
 *Janeiro* arrived at Nagsasaki yesterday.

FOR stealing some copper from Kowloon Docks  
a Chinese coolie was sentenced to six weeks  
imprisonment at the Police Court this forenoon.

A FIROSHIMA telegram in the *Night Night*  
reports that the authorities have issued an  
instruction to subject newspaper reports on  
strategic matters to severer censorship.

An Emergency meeting of Zealand Lodge, No.  
525, will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand  
Street, this evening, at 8 o'clock precisely.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Belgit*, with  
mail, &c., which left Hongkong on Dec. 10th  
for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland  
Sea, &c., arrived at her destination  
on the 12th inst.

The military cheques issued for circulation  
in the territory occupied by the Japanese  
in China, have, according to the *Japan Herald*,  
already proved very satisfactory, 10,000,000 yen  
of them having been issued, with more to  
follow when there is a necessity for a further  
supply.

The following is a list of disabled men brought  
back from the seat of war to the military hospital  
at Hiroshima on the 24th December:—  
Officers: 1. Non-commissioned officers, 45;  
Soldiers: 661; Coolies, 794; and others, 15;  
total 8,741. Of the sick men sent back from the  
seat of war, 320 died at the hospital, and 52  
died on the voyage.

It is stated that the negotiations between  
the Chinese merchants trading to the Straits,  
China, and Japan, and the representatives of the  
China Conference of Shanghai, have been  
concluded satisfactorily. Early in January, the  
first steamer will be placed on the berth in  
Manchester to receive cargo for China and the  
Far East, and will be followed by others as the  
trade requires them.

A MANCHESTER press states that arrangements  
have been completed between Mr. Alfred Holt,  
the owner of the extensive fleet of steamers  
trading to China, Japan, and the Straits Settle-  
ments, and the managers of the Manchester  
Ship Canal, for a service of steamers between  
Manchester and the Far East. After the new year,  
vessels of the "Star Line" will be to sail at  
Manchester instead of Birkenhead, as formerly.

No fewer than eighty-two volantes of *police*  
were paraded before Mr. Hastings in the Police Court  
this morning by Inspector Quincey and Detective-  
Sergeant Holt, who caught them red-handed  
indulging in the popular pastime of gambling in  
a house in Gorge Street about the third cock-crow  
this morning. They all admitted the serious  
offence against the laws of the land, and fines  
of 10s. in the aggregate to 380 were imposed  
and paid.

THE *N. C. Daily News* publishes the following  
wire, dated Kobe the 10th inst., regarding the  
accident to the Pacific Mail liner *City of Rio de*  
 *Janeiro*:—"The *City of Rio de Janeiro* struck upon a rock  
two miles off Satsuma at a o'clock on the after-  
noon of Sunday. She slipped open fourteen feet  
of her fore-board plates, and was beset and the  
leak has now been stopped. Her passengers  
and treasure arrived all well on Wednesday  
afternoon at Nagasaki."

THOUGH there is no news of operations from  
the two armies in the field, the advance of which  
is said to be much hampered by lack of supplies,  
the operations to put the Third Army Corps in  
the field are being rapidly pushed forward. We  
hear that already two or three of the larger trans-  
ports have left Ujina with troops, under sealed  
orders, and the embarkation of the Third Army  
Corps, consisting of about 25,000 men, is expected  
to be complete by the 15th inst. It is believed that  
the sealed orders received by the transports com-  
manded a rendezvous among some of the islands  
off the southern part of Korea, from whence the  
army will be carried across the Yellow Sea and  
landed on the Shantung promontory at two  
places south of Wei-hai-wei, that position being  
about 100 miles from the rear, as was the case with  
Port Arthur.

SAYS the *N. C. Daily News* of the 12th inst.:—"Nothing is known in Peking about Mr. von  
Hanneken's measures for the defence of the  
capital. It is generally believed that he had  
formed a comprehensive scheme which involved  
an advance survey of the country between Kin-  
chow and the capital, and the importation of a  
number of German officers, commissioned and  
non-commissioned, but that both of these inven-  
tions have had to be given up from want of  
funds. It is currently reported in native circles  
that Mr. von Hanneken had taken or was about  
to take measures in the German Consular Court  
against the Imperial Government for breach of  
contract, as he had already committed himself  
to the officers by telegraph. This is probably  
as inaccurate as most relative news in the  
present time, as, as a matter of fact, utilised  
such design help as he found at hand in  
Peking."

Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Chief Justice, will  
distribute the prizes at the Diocesan School and  
Orphanage to-morrow afternoon.

A FOOTBALL match will be played at Hap-  
py Valley between teams representing the Hong-  
kong Football Club and the Torpedo D.C., on  
Thursday afternoon.

A CHINESE herbalist is "in the asylum now,"  
and will remain there for two calendar months,  
for amassing four 1/2 from a bean-curd maker,  
who gave conclusive evidence before Mr.  
Hastings in the Police Court to-day.

SEVEN dollars, or 28 days "topside," said Mr.  
Hastings to B. R. Harris, a hold sailor man  
from the British steamer *Moldova*, who had  
imbibed too freely and kicked up a row on board  
that vessel. Harris elected to "do time."

THE treasure shipped at San Francisco by the  
Pacific Mail Steamship Co., steamer  
*City of Rio de Janeiro*, which reached Nagasaki  
yesterday evening, will be brought on to Hong-  
kong by the *Gaio*, which is due here on  
Saturday.

A NUMBER of Theatrons from the K-shing  
Theatre rolled up as witnesses at the Police  
Court this morning and shouted in blank verse  
regarding the unauthorized annexation of a head-  
ditch from the theatre, which was being  
traverted by one of the many wife and sons  
who adorn this model colony. His "Washing"  
thought that six weeks "hard" would condone  
the offence, and decided to that effect.

THE *Straits Times* of the 7th inst. says:—"H. F.  
the Governor telegraphed from Penang on Satur-  
day, suggesting that the resigning unofficial  
members of Council should delay their action  
until after consultation with him. The resigning  
members of Council will not do so. The  
decision is final.—The Hon. A. Huttenbach has  
resigned his seat as member of the Legislative  
Council. We are given to understand that Mr.  
Huttenbach tendered his resignation on Tuesday  
last, and that his personal reasons led  
Mr. Huttenbach to adopt that course."

At the Police Court yesterday afternoon, before  
Mr. Hastings, Mokuba Kan, a private of the  
Hongkong Regiment, was charged on a com-  
plaint by J. F. Abraham, on the highway near  
Hungnam Docks on the evening of the 2nd inst.  
under circumstances described in these columns  
at the time. Mr. H. J. Holmes appeared for the  
defence, and subjected P. C. W. Firdley, and a  
Chinese witness to a rather lengthy cross-  
examination, which occupied the whole of the  
afternoon, and ended in the "have" being com-  
mitted for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

NOTWITHSTANDING the somewhat depressing  
weather there was a fairly large attendance at  
D'Arcy's Marionette show last night, and the  
performance went off with great *clat*, the  
various numbers of this clever and deservingly  
popular entertainment being received with  
bravest applause. Great improvements have  
been made in the comfortable little Theatre in  
the Praya Reclamation, and the nightly pro-  
gramme have been greatly strengthened by the  
introduction of various attractive novelties.  
The performance will commence this evening at  
9 o'clock as usual.

A CANTON correspondent writes under date the  
13th inst.:—"A most successful dance was given  
last evening in the Shamone Hotel by the  
members of the Philharmonic Society. Although  
a somewhat dismal night many ladies turned  
up, and dancing was enthusiastically kept up  
until after midnight, to the delightful strains  
of Strauss and Waldteufel. The floor was in  
excellent order, refreshments were provided by  
Mr. Hurley, who is to be congratulated on the  
excellence of his work in conjunction with the C. P.  
S. Committee, carried out all the arrangements.  
This is but the first of a series of entertain-  
ments to be given, and I hear that the next on  
the tapis is a concert and fancy dress ball."

THUS "Daybreak" in our Shanghai morning  
contemporary of the 10th inst., under the heading  
"Sporting Notes"—I must say I was more than  
surprised the other day at the action of a gentle-  
man who persisted in riding over the golf course  
ignorance might have been the reason, but  
upon being politely told of the fault he was  
committing, his reply was anything but  
what it should have been, and he still  
continued to select a golf link of his own  
operations. In addition, a native policeman,  
stationed for the purpose of protecting the ground  
in question, he deliberately tried to ride down.  
It would have been amusing, as well as within  
the letter of the law, if the Boss Bobby of  
Hongkong, for he it was who was the  
offender, had been taken in the mansion here  
that does duty for the Queen's at home.  
However, I hear that the proper authorities have  
written a letter to the gentleman, and no doubt,  
an apology will be forthcoming. Still it is  
very lucky that our most ardent golfers were  
not on the ground at the time, otherwise I might  
have had to write the words that "St. Nifon"  
used in his golf report on your issue of 6th inst.:  
"I heard 'im" "I told him" "I forced  
him" and "I pulled him." They may be golf  
expressions, but they would have come in very  
handy.

## THE SAFETY OF SHANGHAI.

## GREAT BRITAIN INTERVIEWS.

The *Shanghai Mercury* of the 10th inst.  
publishes the following important information:—"Our  
readers will recollect that at the outset  
of the present war, the Japanese Government  
undertook to treat Shanghai and its approaches  
as beyond the sphere of their warlike  
operations. It was subsequently reported that  
the Japanese were disposed to evade this pro-  
mise on the ground that the Chinese were  
making use of Shanghai in general, and the  
Kiangnan Arsenal in particular, for the prepara-  
tion and the distribution of arms and munitions  
of war. In any case, it was felt that it might be  
difficult to preserve this position in the event of  
the Japanese Fleet proceeding up the Yangtze  
River, for the fleet would naturally be fired upon  
by the Woosung forts and would, of course,  
reply. An attempt to capture the forts would  
inevitably follow, and would doubtless prove  
successful. The forts once taken, the safety of  
Shanghai and the adjacent arsenal would  
be seriously threatened. We are, however,  
in a position to assure our readers, upon  
the best authority, that all danger of this  
nature has been satisfactorily set aside, for we  
learn that Admiral Kuroshima has received  
instructions from the British Government not  
merely to protect Shanghai and its approaches,  
but also to prevent, by force if necessary,  
the Japanese fleet from proceeding up the  
Yangtze at all. It is understood that the  
British Government, which is in a high degree  
concerned for the safety of the Yangtze, is  
of the opinion that the capture of the forts is  
of paramount importance of British interests in  
the various Treaty Ports concerned. The  
Japanese Government has been made acquainted  
with the instructions given to the British  
Admiral, which have also been communicated to  
the Chinese Government through the Chinese  
Minister in London."

## STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,

## LIMITED.

On Tuesday evening (January 8th) a meeting  
of shareholders in the Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
was held in Shanghai at the office of Mr. R.  
Francis, to consider the liquidation of the com-  
pany, as recommended by the Liquidator, Mr. C. J.  
Dudgeon. Upon the motion of Mr. C. J. Dudgeon, accepted  
by Mr. A. Furman, Mr. C. J. Dudgeon was voted  
to the chair.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings,  
said: Gentlemen, I suppose you have all  
received a circular dated the 24th of December  
in the Agent of the Straits Insurance Com-  
pany, mentioning an offer from the Commercial  
Union Insurance Company, and this meeting  
has been called to afford the shareholders in  
Shanghai an opportunity of expressing their  
views upon the subject, and whether they wish  
the Company wound up, or whatever step they  
wish to take in the matter, and I think, perhaps,  
in the first instance, I had better ask Mr. Dudgeon  
if he can supplement the information given in the  
circular.

Mr. C. J. Dudgeon—Well, gentlemen, as this  
meeting is called in consequence of the circular  
which I sent out to the shareholders in Shanghai,  
I think it desirable that I should explain what I  
know of the matter and explain my action.  
When I knew that there was a telegram received  
in Shanghai—and I may say it was a thoroughly  
satisfactory telegram—to the effect such as I  
published to you, and when







